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Claims 1-27 are pending in the above-referenced patent application. In this response, claim 10 has been amended, and no claims have been cancelled or added. It is noted that claim 10 was not amended to overcome any previously-presented rejections, or to overcome any cited references since all claims are allowable subject to *Ex parte Quayle* issues. Rather, claim 10 was amended to address formal matters noted by the Examiner. It is believed that these amendments do not narrow claim scope. Rather, in some cases, the claims may even be broadened. Therefore, no prosecution history estoppel should result from these claim amendments.

Status of the Claims

In the Office Action, dated June 15, 2006, the Examiner closed prosecution on the merits under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213, and objected to claim 10 for formal matters. It is respectfully submitted that the amendment to claim 10 should address the formal matters noted by the Examiner. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that all *Ex parte Quayle* issues have been addressed, and all pending claims are now formally in a condition for allowance.

Additionally, in the Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 1-9 and 11-27. Assignee would like to thank the Examiner for finding allowable subject matter. It is respectfully submitted that all claims now pending are in a condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner enter the amendment to claim 10, and allow claims 1-27 to proceed to allowance.

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In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims pending in this patent application, as amended, are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions, she is invited to contact the undersigned at (503) 439-6500. Reconsideration of this patent application and early allowance of all the claims is respectfully requested.

Please charge any shortages and credit any overcharges of any fees required for this submission to Deposit Account number 50-3703.

Respectfully submitted,

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